

JANSEN PAUL FRANCISCUS
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â JANSEN PAUL
 FRANCISCUS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CRIMSON
 EXPLORATION INC.,Â 717
 TEXAS AVE., SUITE 2900

(Street)

HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 03/05/2013

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC. [CXPO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Controller/Chief Acctg Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 13,400 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 01/16/2022 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 2.67 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JANSEN PAUL FRANCISCUS C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC. 717 TEXAS AVE., SUITE 2900 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Â | Â | Â Controller/Chief Acctg Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ John A. Thomas 03/11/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 10,400 shares of restricted stock of the Issuer granted pursuant to the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. Of these 10,400 shares of restricted stock, 25% will vest on each of March 8, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 should the reporting person remain an employee of the Issuer on the pertinent vesting date absent earlier vesting pursuant to the terms of the stock award agreement.
- (2) The reported stock option shares will become vested and exercisable with respect to 15% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant (i.e. January 16, 2012) and thereafter at the end of each full succeeding year as follows: 25% on the second anniversary, 25% on the third anniversary and 35% on the fourth anniversary at which time the stock option shares will be fully vested and exercisable with respect to 100% of such shares.

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Remarks:

This Form 3 has been signed by John A. Thomas, Secretary for Crimson Exploration Inc., on behalf of the Issuer.

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